A.)   AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1-15 (cancelled).

16. (previously presented) A method for event routing in a network, the network comprising more than one node, comprising:

    a.   receiving a node selection request;

    b.   parsing the request to obtain necessary values from the request;

    c.   identifying nodes capable of handling the event;

    d.   determine node usage of the existing nodes in the network; and

    e.   selecting the appropriate node for performing the event thereon.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the nodes capable of handling the event are identified by comparing module type in the parsed message to a node lookup table, said node lookup table located on the network.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the node usage of the existing nodes in the network is determined by ranking the identified nodes in accordance with usage statistics in a resource usage list.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the appropriate node for performing the event thereon is selected based on a least-used node algorithm.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the appropriate node for performing the event thereon is selected based on a least-used node for an anticipated time of use algorithm.

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21. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the appropriate node for performing the event thereon is selected based on a node most capable of performing the event algorithm.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the message is parsed to obtain values to a plurality of fields for making comparison to data stored in the node lookup list and the resource usage list.

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